



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
August 18, 2020

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller and attorney, Tommy Murchison.

Also present was National Park Service Superintendent, Carrie Mardorf.

National Park Service Superintendent Carrie Mardorf presented to the Commission planned phases for riverbank improvements and the Bermuda Bridge Feasibility Study & Rehabilitation. The Commission shared interest in the project and has allocated \$349,000.00 in their 2020-2021 general budget. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mr. Murchison to draft a cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement on behalf of the Commission with the National Park Service.

The minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting of the commission were presented. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the enforcement project, dilapidated structures, stored properties, and the Corp of Engineers.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Soil and Water Conservation has provided annual documents for Commission records and plans to present a formal presentation in 2021.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she has submitted the Commission's 2019-2020 records to Johnson, Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier for the annual audit. Mrs. Fuller further advised that she and the Chairman have submitted the required questionnaire(s).

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Natchitoches Tax Assessor office called to advise that Baton Rouge complimented Mrs. Fuller on a perfect job with the roll forward process. Millage is a complex and tasking process. The Commission thanked Mrs. Fuller for her hard work and dedication, further spreading across the minutes to serve as occasions may require.

Mrs. Fuller presented Department of Natural Resources documents for Commission review. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the 2020 annual DNR submittal.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of July. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of July for Commission review. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from July 28 to August 17, 2020 for the review of the Commission. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from July 28 to August 17, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 97.8 MSL. She issued four building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and giant salvinia in the north canal/lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, attended State of Louisiana Liaison Class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commission's review, authorization and knowledge. She worked 3 lake complaints. LDWLF Enforcement reported issuing an estimated 3 no wake zone, 3 no life jackets, 1 no observer, 1 expired boat registration, and 1 careless operation violations. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the July 28 to August 17, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: September 15, 2020

